

사람 정상 중이점막 상피세포의 섬모세포와 분비세포로의 분화

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# Ciliary and Secretory Differentiation of Normal Human Middle Ear Epithelial Cells

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## ABSTRACT

**Background and Objectives :** Recent technical advances allow serial culture of normal human middle ear epithelial (NH-MEE) cells. However, the ciliary differentiation of these cells has not been achieved. The purpose of this study was to establish a culture system to differentiate serially cultured NHMEE cells into ciliated cells. If the ciliated cells were to develop, the percentage of ciliated cells and secretory cells throughout the duration of culture would be measured. We also examined the levels of mucin and lysozyme secretion and their mRNAs in a time-dependent manner. **Materials and Method :** Normal appearing human middle ear mucosa was harvested and subcultured after enzymatic disaggregation. These cells were differentiated in air-liquid interface (ALI) culture for 2 days, 1 week, 2 weeks, 3 weeks and 4 weeks after confluence. On each culture period, the ratio of ciliated cells and secretory cells and the amount of mucin and lysozyme secreted from the cultured cell were measured by immunohistochemical study and dot blotting. The level of mucin genes 5AC (*MUC5AC*), *MUC5B*, *MUC8* messenger RNA(mRNA)s and the level of lysozyme mRNA were measured on each culture period by reverse transcription (RT)-polymerase chain reaction (PCR). **Results :** Ciliogenesis usually started on the 16th-18th day after confluence. The percentage of ciliated cells increased over time up to 10.6% but that of secretory cells remained at about 40% throughout culture duration. By the 14th day after confluence, the amounts of mucin and lysozyme secretion increased rapidly and then maintained a plateau. The expression levels of *MUC5B*, *MUC8* and Lysozyme increased with culture time. Especially, *MUC8* showed a dramatic increase on the 28th day after confluence. In contrast, the level of *MUC5AC* mRNA showed a peak on the 14th day after confluence, and then decreased. **Conclusion :** Ciliary differentiation of NHMEE cells can be induced by ALI culture system. Our study also suggests that secretory function develops earlier than ciliogenesis, and that the expressions of *MUC5B* and *MUC8* mRNAs increase as a function of differentiation. (Korean J Otolaryngol 2002; 45:208-13)

**KEY WORDS :** Human middle ear epithelial cell · Cell culture · Secretion · Ciliogenesis · Differentiation.

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50 60% (confluence) trypsin/

EDTA 가 2000

cells/cm<sup>2</sup>

passage - 2 가 60 70%

(mucociliary tra - 6 × 10<sup>5</sup> cell/

nsport system) vial

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7) 8) (Transclear, Costar Corp., Cambridge, MA, USA)

BEEM DMEM 1 : 1

가 passage - 2 HMEEC 4 × 10<sup>4</sup> cells/cm<sup>2</sup>

9) 10) 가

epidermoid growth factor 25 ng/ml 0.

가 5 ng/ml

가 9

10

apical surface

passage - 2 (hu - 37 , 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

man middle ear epithelial cells ; HMEEC) 2 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 4

3 well

3

mRNA

(Olympus Light microscope,

Vanox - S type, Japan)

H & E

HMEEC air -

liquid interface(ALI) (SEM ; H - 800, Hitachi, Japan)

chamber slide

(pr - 4 2.5% glutaraldehyde 4 6 0.1

omontory) M . 1% osmium tetroxide

3 2 critical point dry -

ing (300 μm thickness)

1% pronase(type 14)가

Dulbecco 's modified Eagle 's medium(DMEM ; Gibco,

NY, USA) Ham 's F12 nutrient mixture(F12, Gibco)

1 : 1 18 4 : 1 : 1

37

30 H6C5

bronchial epithelial (1 : 1000, a generous gift from Dr. Davis, University of

cell basal medium(BEBM) , 가 North Carolina, NC, USA)

- tubulin (1 : 1000, Sigma, USA) . H6C5 - tubulin 1000

24 dot blotting

(a generous gift from Dr. Davis, University of North Carolina, NC, USA) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA)

H6C5(1 : 1000, a generous gift from Dr. Davis, University of North Carolina, NC, USA)

rabbit anti - serum (1 : 1000, Dako, Capenteria, USA)

peroxidase conjugated goat anti - mouse anti - rabbit IgG , chemiluminescence(ECL kit, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, UK) . Standard curve linear regression analysis

mRNA reverse transcription(RT) - polymerase chain reaction(PCR) 37 (MUC5AC, MUC5B, MUC8)

- 2 microglobulin( - 2M) mRNA Gene Amp PCR kit(Perkin Elmer Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) Gene Amp PCR system 2400(Perkin Elmer Biosystems) RT - (PCR)

total RNA 1 µg random primers Moloney murine leukemia virus reverse transcriptase

cDNA (RT) . cDNA 4 µl ( - 2M 0.4 µl) 가 AmpliTaq DNA polymerase(QIAGEN ; Valencia, CA, USA) 2.5 U/100 µl, primer 0.2 mM, MgCl<sub>2</sub> 1.5 mM

primer Yoon <sup>15)</sup> . - 2M primer Clontech Laboratories Inc.(Palo Alto, CA, USA) denaturation 95

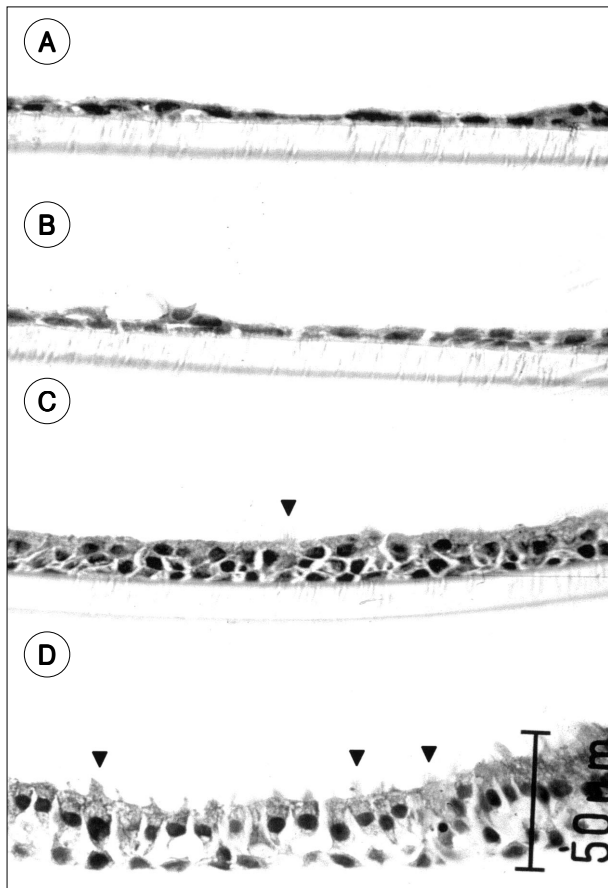
1 , annealing MUC5AC, - 2M 60 1 , MUC5B MUC8 55 1 , extension 72 1 . MUC5AC MUC8 35 , MUC5B 27 , 25 - 2M 30 . mRNA genomic DNA RT reaction reverse transcriptase

PCR 50 ng/ml ethidium bromide가 2% Seakem agarose gel(FMC Bio - Products, Rockland, ME, USA) 1 CSC Chemoluminescence Detection Module ver 1.0(Raytest, Straubenhardt, Germany) band

HMEEC 10 ciliary beating 가 2 3 . 2 1 2 가 3 가 4 (Fig. 1). 4 (SEM) (Fig. 2).

Cytospin - tubulin 2 가 3 3.0 ± 0.7%가 10.6 ± 1.2%가 H6C5 2 (41.1 ± 3.1%), 1 (36.3 ± 4.2%), 2 (36.0 ± 2.9%), 3 (33.6 ± 4.7%), 4 (39.7 ± 1.2%) 가 (Table 1).

mRNA 10<sup>6</sup> 2 27.8 ± 5.1 mg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 1 133.1 ± 41.3 mg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, 2 218 ± 10.6 mg/10<sup>6</sup> cells 가



**Fig. 1.** Time dependent changes in histology of passage-2 normal human middle ear epithelial cells. Cross-sections of intact culture are stained with H & E (A-D). Flat epithelial cells form a monolayer on the 2nd day after confluence (A). On the 14th day after confluence, the cells consist of one or two layers, but ciliated cell can't be seen (B). On the 21st day after confluence, several cell layers in thickness are noted and cilia can be occasionally seen (arrowhead) (C) and on the 28th day after confluence, polarized columnar epithelium is observed having abundant cilia (arrow-heads) (D).

가, 3 ( $224.8 \pm 21.9$  mg/ $10^6$  cells) 4 ( $233.9 \pm 53.5$  mg/ $10^6$  cells) (Fig. 3A).  
 $10^6$  2 ( $0.38 \pm 0.02$  mg/ $10^6$  cells), 1 ( $0.78 \pm 0.09$  mg/ $10^6$  cells), 2 ( $1.68 \pm 0.13$  mg/ $10^6$  cells) 가, 3 ( $2.03 \pm 0.20$  mg/ $10^6$  cells), 4 ( $2.33 \pm 0.25$  mg/ $10^6$  cells) 가 (Fig. 3B).  
 RT - PCR mRNA . MUC5B 가 , MU - C5AC 2 가 가 가 4 .



**Fig. 2.** Scanning electron microscopic findings of cultured cells on the 28th day after confluence. Abundant healthy cilia are observed.

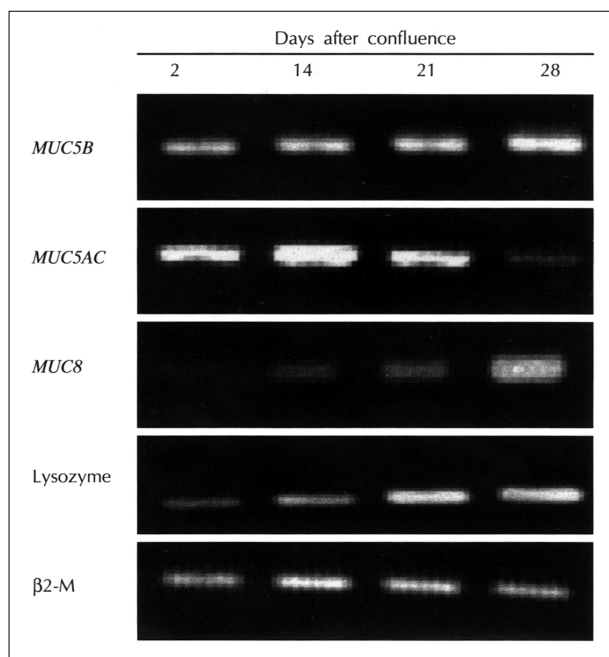
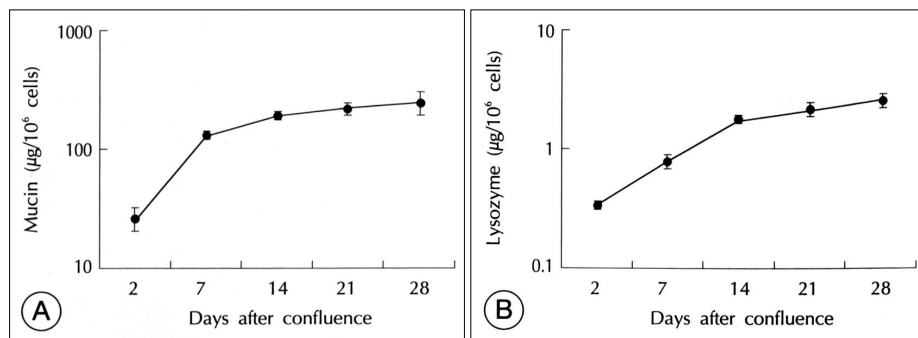
**Table 1.** The percentages of secretory and ciliated cell according to the culture duration

| Days after confluence | Ciliated cells (%) | Secretory cells (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2                     | 0                  | $41.1 \pm 3.1$      |
| 7                     | 0                  | $36.3 \pm 4.2$      |
| 14                    | 0                  | $36.0 \pm 2.9$      |
| 21                    | $3.0 \pm 0.7$      | $33.6 \pm 4.7$      |
| 28                    | $10.6 \pm 1.2$     | $39.7 \pm 1.2$      |

Data are mean  $\pm$  Standard Deviation, Ciliated cell : anti-cilia antibody (  $\alpha$ -tubulin) positive cell, Secretory cell : anti-mucin antibody (H6C5) positive cell

MUC8 3 가 가  
 가 4 mRNA 가 가  
 . 2 MUC5B MUC5AC가  
 MUC8 .  
 4 MUC5B MUC8  
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 mRNA 가 가  
 (Fig. 4).

**Fig. 3.** Time courses of mucin and lysozyme protein levels in passage-2 normal human middle ear epithelial cells by dot-blotting analysis. The data are expressed in logarithmic scale (A & B). Mucin secretion increases in a time-dependent manner between the 2nd and the 14th day after confluence but almost constant after the 14th day after confluence (A). Lysozyme secretion also increases over time but the increasing rate is reduced after the 14th day after confluence (B).



**Fig. 4.** Time course of mucin and lysozyme messenger RNA (mRNA) levels in passage-2 normal human middle ear epithelial cell cultures by reverse transcription polymerase-chain reaction. Total RNAs are extracted on the 2nd, 14th, 21st, 28th day after confluence. The expression levels of MUC5B, MUC8 and Lysozyme increase with culture time. Especially MUC8 shows the dramatic increase on the 28th day after confluence. In contrast, the level of MUC5AC mRNA is peaked on the 14th day after confluence, and then decreases. The expression levels of β2-M mRNA (PCR control gene) remain constant.

